

Congrats, graduates!

Graduation for the class of 2001 at Seoul American High School will be held on Saturday, June 9 at the SAHS gym at 10 a.m. Reception for seniors and their families will be held at noon at Dragon Hill Lodge.

Seoul Word

Happy Birthday!

The United States Army will celebrate its 226th birthday, June 14. As a part of the celebration, Eighth United States Army will lead U.S. Army and KATUSA soldiers in donning the new black beret. The ceremony begins at 8:30 a.m. at Knight Field, Yongsan.

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Itaewon patrol MP honored for hospitality

By Sgt. Herschel Grangent

8th MP Brigade Public Affairs NCOIC

In a May 15 ceremony at his United Nations Command/Combined Forces Command/United States Forces Korea Headquarters on Yongsan, Commander-in-Chief Gen. Thomas A. Schwartz, awarded his coin of excellence to Sgt. Eric Romero, a squad leader with the 55th Military Police Company.

With the weight of commanding all military personnel in the Republic of Korea resting on Schwartz's shoulders, one can easily see that it must have taken an outstanding achievement to make the theater's top soldier take notice.

"You're a great NCO," Schwartz said during the ceremony. "That's what we need, NCOs who not only do their jobs, but go above the call

of duty. There are people everywhere who just do their jobs. We need more like you who do the extra."

Romero's feat above the call of duty occurred the night of April 19 while he was on Itaewon Town Patrol.

"A group of guys came up to me and asked for directions to Kangnam," said Romero. "After I gave them directions, I asked them if they were here for the Korean War 50th Anniversary Celebration."

It turns out that the group of men—to include a retired British Army colonel—were indeed veterans of the war. They then began to ask Romero about his job and the Itaewon Patrol, as well as general questions about how his battalion worked and what it is like serving in Korea in modern times.

"Then I started asking them about the war and what it was

like to be back in Korea after all these years," added Romero.

A lively, 15-20 minute discussion ensued, and the veterans left not only with directions, but with such a high opinion of the Long Beach, N.Y. native that they had to pass their feelings along to Romero's chain of command.

"I feel like I was just doing my job," Romero said modestly. "But it feels good to be recognized for being in the right place at the right time."

"A lot of people think MPs are all just the bad guys who don't want them to have any fun, but I hope that this shows them that we can do good things, too."

Romero, who has been in the U.S. Army for more than six years, is on his second tour in Korea. He has been here since February of 1999, starting out as a desk sergeant and moving to the Itaewon Town Patrol



PHOTO BY SPC. JOSEPH LEWCZYK

After receiving the coin of excellence, Sgt. Eric Romero listened to some words of encouragement from United States Forces Korea Commander, Gen. Thomas A. Schwartz, as USFK Provost Marshal and 8th Military Police Brigade Commander, Col. Timothy J. Lamb, looked on.

eight months ago. He will be leaving soon for K-9 school at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo. and a follow-on assignment to Fort

Benning, Ga.

He resides with his wife Chi Yong and his 3-year-old daughter Alicia.



PHOTO BY PFC. HAN YOON-KOO

Recognizing our Army Community of Excellence

Lieutenant Gen. Daniel R. Zanini presents the 2001 Army Community of Excellence award to 34th Support Group Commander Col. Steven D. Holtman and O, Hye Kyong, Management Analyst directorate of Resource Management, 34th Support Group.

Soldiers in Korea, first to don Black Beret for Army

By Sgt. Maj. Mike Novogradac

USFK Public Affairs

Soldiers from Pusan to Panmunjom will become the first to don the Black Beret in troop formations scheduled for 8:30 a.m. June 14 at camps across the Peninsula.

June 14 also happens to be the Army's 226th birthday.

The new headgear has been the hot topic among soldiers since Army Chief of Staff Gen. Eric K. Shinseki announced the change during October 2000 as part of the Army's transformation into the future.

"Donning of the Black Beret is a symbol of excellence," said Command Sgt. Maj. Benjamin C. Palacios, the UNC/CFC/USFK/EUSA command sergeant major.

"We're going to get 43,360 berets for Korea, and we will be the first in the Army to don the Black Beret," he continued. "So, when those soldiers, to include the Pentagon and (Gen. Shinseki) turn on their T.V. on 14 June ... that morning ... Boom! They're going to see us. They're going to see Korea and say, 'There they are.'"

When the Army's beret distribution plan was first devised, soldiers in Korea were not scheduled to receive their new headgear until well after June 14, and word was that it could be as late as October 2001. Soldiers contacted

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Power outage scheduled

By John A. Nowell

Public Affairs Officer

Officials of Directorate of Public Works, Headquarters, 34th Support Group, have announced a power outage from 7 a.m.-11 a.m., Saturday, June 9.

This outage is required for the Far East District Power Upgrade Contractor to replace the transformer for the Main Post Club, building 2293.

The outage will affect:

- All of Camp Coiner and Camp Kim
- The portion of Yongsan Main Post west of 8th Army Drive and north of I Corps Boulevard, except Trent Gym and a few bachelor enlisted quarters adjacent to Trent Gym

- Yongsan Main Post Exchange
- Army and Air Force Exchange Service Townhouse
- Main Post Club

Every effort will be made to return power as soon as possible for the affected areas and residents.

Any questions maybe addressed to Art Gartner, chief, Electrical Branch, 724-5007.

NEWS AND NOTES

Battles of the Punch Bowl

The United States Army Troop Command and the United Nations Command Honor Guard will conduct a Wreath Laying and Honor Guard Ceremony in commemoration of the Battles of the Punch Bowl. The ceremony begins at 10 a.m. on Knight Field, Yongsan, June 12.

Balboni Theater

Don't spend evenings home alone. Check out what's playing at Balboni theater. See page 14 for details.

Community Closures

Holidays, organizational days and change of commands often close community services. Plan your day by first looking at the Community Closures on page 5.

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8th PERSCOM's Personnel Points

Army Knowledge Online and PERSTEMPO: Do you have your AKO password yet? If not, get it today. The AKO is the portal to the personnel tempo application and many other services and information. As many of you may know, PERSTEMPO is an all web-based personnel system. It is a precursor to how all personnel systems will work in the future. All soldiers can register with AKO, but all soldiers responsible for inputting and reviewing PERSTEMPO data **MUST** register to gain access to PERSTEMPO, and obtain their User ID and password. They must then provide their user ID to their major subordinate command S1 as a part of the registration packet. The major subordinate command S1 must then submit this information to Theater Army Personnel Services who will request and verify access to the PERSTEMPO system. After receiving confirmation of access into PERSTEMPO from the S1, they will then return to AKO, login, enter the same AKO user ID and password. PERSTEMPO is case sensitive, so ensure you correctly enter the information. To obtain your AKO user ID, click on [https://](https://www.us.army.mil/reg/)

www.us.army.mil/reg/. For more information on PERSTEMPO or AKO, contact Staff Sgt. Yolanda Wright, 724-7914, Sgt. 1st Class Howard Pierce at 19th Theater Support Command, 768-7545 or Sgt. Emeal Thrash, 732-8720.

Thrift Savings Plan: Beginning Oct. 9, servicemembers can sign up for the Thrift Savings Plan. The TSP, a retirement and investment plan in addition to your regular retirement, is an optional program that has been available to civilian government workers since 1987.

Servicemembers must sign up during open seasons usually offered twice a year. However, members will be able to sign up to participate in the TSP during a special 60-day enrollment period, known as a special open season, beginning Oct. 9 through Dec. 8. Deductions from your pay into TSP would then start in January 2002. Servicemembers can contribute up to seven percent of their basic pay. This maximum is expected to increase to 10 percent by 2005 and become unlimited by 2006. Servicemembers can also contribute all or a percentage of any special pay, incentive pay, or bonus pay they receive. The total amount generally

cannot exceed \$10,500 per year.

Servicemembers will have choices as to how they want their money invested. The G Fund, considered the safest, invests in special government bonds. The F Fund invests in commercial bonds, and the C Fund is tied to the stock market. Two new funds, the S Fund and the I Fund will be unveiled in May 2002. The S Fund will be tied to a stock index fund that paces small businesses and the I Fund will track international companies the same way.

Servicemembers can start, change or reallocate their TSP contributions during two seasons each year. They are November to January and May to July.

Contributions to the plan come from pre-tax dollars. Servicemembers pay no federal or state income taxes on the contributions or earnings until they are withdrawn.

For further information, go to <http://www.tsp.gov/uniserv/index.html>.

Married Army Couples Program: Provides Regular Army service members married to other Regular Army service members the opportunity to establish a joint domicile while fulfilling the Army's mission. Our latest review revealed 21,710 enlisted soldiers enrolled in the MACP. Of that, 17,370, 80 percent, were serving on joint domicile assignments.

Enrollment is a simple, one-time process verifying that two soldiers are married to one another and transmitting this information from the servicing military personnel office or personnel service center to the Total Army Personnel Data Base. A separate standard

installation / division personnel system transaction is required for each spouse's social security number and component, (commissioned, warrant or enlisted), to be entered on the master files of both soldiers.

Once enrolled, both soldiers will be considered for future joint-domicile assignments. This consideration will occur when either of the two is nominated by the Total Officer Personnel Management System or the Enlisted Distribution Assignment System. If the assignment is from the continental U.S. to overseas, Personnel Command will coordinate the two requirements with the appropriate overseas command or liaison office. Both soldiers will receive their assignments/pinpoint assignments in the same TOPMIS/EDAS cycle, or the special instructions in the assignment instructions will state that a married Army couple assignment was considered but could not be accommodated.

Army servicemembers married to a member of the Reserve components or a member of another branch of the U.S. military may not enroll in the program, but may request reassignment to join their spouse. If married to a member of the Reserve components, the spouse must have been called to active duty for one year or more for joint-domicile consideration.

Readiness remains the Army's number one priority, we strive to accommodate joint domicile assignments whenever possible.

Contact Theater Army Replacement Operations at 724-7933 for information in the Korean Theater.

MP BLOTTER

The following entry was extracted from the Yongsan and Area II Military Police blotters. Such entries may be incomplete and do not determine the guilt or innocence of any person.

A USFK NF-4 civilian employee was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol. Investigation revealed a Military Police patrol observed a traffic violation (failure to use turn signal) and conducted a traffic stop during which a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage was detected emitting from the vehicle operator. The operator was given a field sobriety test and also consented to take a legal blood alcohol test.

The civilian was transported to 121st General Hospital for the LBAT and further transported to the PMO, processed and released to his supervisor. LBAT results indicated a blood alcohol

content of .267. The offender's driving privileges were revoked by the area commander.

An E-4 was charged with larceny, wrongful appropriation of private property, and road traffic law violation. Investigation revealed the E-4, along with another service member, drove off in a taxi when the operator exited the vehicle for a personal reason. While driving the E-4 was involved in a traffic accident with a parked vehicle. He was apprehended by the Korean Nation Police while attempting to flee, processed and released to Military Police. The servicemember was further released to his unit pending action. The Commander's Action Report indicates that the soldier was chaptered out of the army under chapter 14-12c, commission of a serious offense.

Safety reminders from the community Provost Marshal

Avoid Political Demonstrations. Many USFK personnel continue to ignore force protection advisories by attempting to use Yongsan Gates 5/10 during political demonstrations. USFK members should not exit taxis or buses in the vicinity of political demonstrations, but should instead proceed to an alternate gate for access to the installation.

Alcoholic Beverages. With the warm weather and increased outdoor activity, the Provost Marshal Office would like to remind everyone that USFK regulation 27-5 prohibits possession of an open container of an alcoholic beverage in a public place in Korea unless the public place is a facility, establishment, or other location authorized by U.S. military authorities as a place intended for the consumption of alcoholic beverages.

Pedestrian Safety. Vehicle/Pedestrian accidents are avoidable.

- Drivers: Remain alert for and yield to pedestrians in crosswalks.
- Pedestrians: Use crosswalks and only exit vehicles on the curb side, not on the street or driver's side.

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NEWS & NOTES

Hannam Village Community Celebration

The Hannam Village Community Celebration will be held June 9, 1-6 p.m. Everybody is invited. If you are interested in volunteering at the celebration for a few hours, call Dee Ross at 723-6721.

Area II Information Meeting

Area II Information will be held June 26, 9 a.m. at the Community Services Building, BLDG # 4106.

BOSS College Mixer

Boss College Mixer will take place June 29, 7 p.m. at the Main Post Club, near Gate #5. School ID required. For more information call 738-5254/5419 or e-mail byrdwelchb@34sg.korea.army.mil.

Musical Comedy Revue

Area Community Theatre audition for a Musical Comedy Revue June 19 and 20, 6 p.m. at the Moyer Community Activity Center bldg. # 2259. Roles for up to 5 men and 5 women 18 and up. Dates of performances are July, 26, 27, 28, 29. For more information call John Wood at 723-5712.

Area II Health Promotion

Area II Health Promotion offers Tobacco Cessation, Fitness/Sports Injury Prevention, Performance Nutrition, Medical Effects of Tobacco, HIV/STD Prevention, PT Improvement, Hot/Cold Weather Injury Prevention, Stress/Anger Management, Men's/Women's Health Care Issues, Field Health & Hygiene and more. For more information call Ok Hee Suh 736-8920 or e-mail SuhOH@usfk.korea.army.mil.

Independence Day Celebration

Independence day celebration will be held July 4, 11a.m. until dark at Yongsan. Celebration includes fantastic food, contests, games, entertainment (Perfect Stranger Band, Front Page Band, Eugene Park, Solid Base, Eusa Band) and fireworks.

BOSS Meeting

Monthly BOSS meetings are scheduled at Moyer Community Activity Center today for Area II and June 15 for Yongsan at 1:30 p.m. For more information call 738-5254/5419.

CINC tackles USFK quality of life issues

Editor's Note: This is a series of monthly articles addressing issues and concerns of military forces serving within U.S. Forces Korea. USFK Commander, Gen. Thomas A. Schwartz, routinely visits the soldiers, sailors, airmen and Marines stationed on the Korean peninsula and conducts sensing sessions to receive feedback on issues ranging from military service to quality of life. Gen. Schwartz seeks to make serving in Korea an assignment of choice and uses sensing sessions as a means of focusing the USFK and service component commanders and staffs. The following topics were raised during recent visits. Not all issues can be corrected immediately and will require carrying them as ongoing CINC projects, with progress published routinely in this publication. Other issues are awaiting responses and will be reported in future releases.

Issue: I'm a mechanic from Camp Casey. We are working with terrible tools. When we asked about new tools and diagnostic equipment, we were told there is no money.

Response: I have directed 2nd Infantry Division to conduct a 100 percent inventory of all sets, kits, and outfits. The 2ID as a whole has the necessary tools and equipment to maintain equipment to standard. However, there is a shortage of the No. 1 Common Tool Set. All shortages will be validated and receipts tracked. The 2ID has funded a total of \$1.7 million unit-level Fiscal Year 2000 Unfinanced Requirements for tools and diagnostic equipment. They further funded a Division Support Command UFR to replace tool and diagnostic testing equipment shortages worth \$1 million. As for the remainder of the division's tool shortages, they purchased \$745,000 worth of tools at year-end. In addition, an Inspector General team has performed tool accountability within selected units of 2ID. Units found to have tools missing either fixed the problem or already had tools on order.

This is a warfighting theater, and we understand it is a must that our soldiers have the required tools on hand to take care of our vehicles and equipment. We must always be ready to fight tonight.

Issue: Is there an exception to policy that allows travelers to use Foreign Flag Carriers when nonstop (to and from CONUS) U.S. Flag Air Carriers are not available?

Response: Yes, there are exceptions to policy to allow the use of FFCs for official travel when American Flag Carriers are not available.

If a USFAC offers nonstop/direct service (no aircraft change) from origin to destination, USFAC service must be used unless such use would extend travel time, including delay at the point of origin by 24 hours or more.

If a USFAC doesn't offer nonstop/direct service (no aircraft change) between origin and destination, USFAC must be used on every portion of the route where it provides service unless, when compared to using a FFC, such use would:

(1) Increase the number of foreign OCONUS aircraft changes made by 2 or more; or

(2) Extend travel time by at least six hours or more; or

(3) Require a connecting time of four hours or more at a foreign OCONUS interchange point

However, a situation where the use of FFC would be authorized is where all seats on US American Flag Carriers are booked and mission requirement dictates specific travel dates.

Issue: What is the leave policy for soldiers coming straight from Advanced Individual Training to Korea with no leave days? Can leave be advanced to soldiers during their tour in Korea?

Response: Leave is the same throughout the Army. IAW AR 600-8-10, soldiers without sufficient accrued leave (i.e. soldiers directly out of AIT) may be granted advance leave in anticipation of the accrual of leave



FILE PHOTO

Gen. Thomas A. Schwartz

during the remaining period of active duty. Our leaders must take an active role in monitoring a "new" soldiers' leave situation upon arrival to Korea, helping to ensure that unnecessary hardships are not imposed.

Issue: Up in 2ID, I live in the barracks where there are not enough washers and dryers to support the number of soldiers in the barracks.

Response: Over the past three months, over 100 additional washers and dryers have been issued to 2ID units. For units in Area I with unserviceable appliances, on-hand quantities are available. Units have to be proactive in order to improve the living conditions of the soldiers in the barracks. Remember, supply and discipline procedures such as care and use of equipment, timely turn-in and replacement will enhance the quality of life for all units.

Issue: Why are shuttle buses and cars stopped for an ID check when going from Main Post to South Post and vice-versa?

Response: Our security guards are trained and required to inspect each ID card and match it with the person requiring entry to the post. The amount of traffic that comes in the installation access gates on Yongsan (especially gates 5 and 10) makes it literally

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Seoul Computer Meeting

Seoul Computer Club meets June 9, 2 p.m. at Seoul USO. Everybody is welcome. Call 018-853-0259 or see <http://www.seoulcc.org> for more information.

Reunion

The Korea National Tourism Organization is continuing the special Reunion Program with two tours, Sept. 24-28 and Oct. 29 - Nov. 2. Details and latest Reunion information is available at <http://www.korea.army.mil/pao/cr/reunion.htm>. Applicants are being accepted on a first received, first served basis. Spaces are limited.

Stronghold of Warriors Gate Summer Bash

Stronghold of Warriors Gate Summer Bash will be held July 7 starting 10 a.m. at Dorm # 717 Pavilion Area (field behind Pacific House), Osan AB, Songtan. For more information contact Seneschal, Lord Johann at warriorsgate@yahoo.com or the Autocrat, Lord Fernando at fernando2469@aol.com.

EUSA MWR 2001 Photo Contest

EUSA MWR 2001 Photo Contest will be held on June 29, 2 p.m. at the Moyer CAC. Entry deadline is June 15. Check your local Arts & Crafts for contest rules and entry form. For more information call Margaret Barnett at 723-8510 or Betty Welch at 738-5254.

Volunteers Needed for BOSS Han River Casino Cruise

Volunteers are needed to assist with games during the BOSS Han River Casino Cruise on Aug. 25. Anyone experienced with Black Jack, Chuck-A-Luck, Craps, Poker or Roulette are needed. Call 738-5254 or e-mail byrdwelchb@34sg.korea.army.mil for more information.

HHD 176th Finance Battalion Change of Command

HHD, 176th Finance Battalion Change of Command will be June 12, 3 p.m. at the Moyer Communities Activities Center. Outgoing commander is Capt. Ray Eason and the incoming commander is 1st Lt. Mary M. Bayer. Finance will be minimally staffed during this time of period.

176th Finance Battalion Change of Command/Change of Responsibility will be June 19, 10 a.m. at the Collier Field House. Outgoing commander is Maj. Kevin G. Hebl and incoming commander is Capt. Terrie Baisley.

Think safety during monsoon season

By Col. Steven D. Holtman

34th Support Group, commander

Summer in South Korea can be an exciting time to travel and enjoy the many wonderful recreational areas as well as learn more about this unique and historically rich country.

However, when traveling throughout Korea, please remember to follow some basic common sense procedures. Take your time and be careful. Driving off-post in Korea is quite challenging because of the number of vehicles, pedestrians and limited space. Use extreme caution and always expect the unexpected. When walking, look both ways before you cross an intersection. Even though you may have the right of way, take a few extra seconds to make sure the oncoming traffic has come to a complete stop. In addition, when traveling carry plenty of water, as temperatures can reach well into the 90's.

Another important issue is the "monsoons." The rainy season in Korea usually begins in June and continues through August. Recent years we have experienced disastrous floods resulting in the loss of life and extensive property damage. Please keep in mind these storms can produce several inches of rain within minutes. Therefore, take a proactive approach and assess the situation. Make sure you place safety as the number one priority for family, friends, and colleagues. Above all, please do not attempt to swim or drive through a flood-swollen street or alley.

Field positions and training sites must be constantly monitored to ensure that they are not located on terrain subject to flash flooding or mud slides. "Conduct a Site Survey to Assess the Risk." Establish procedures to ensure that personnel and supplies are protected from flood level waters. Materials stored outside should be elevated above the most recent flood levels. Materials stored in ground-level warehouses should be elevated using pallets. Drainage systems, both interior and



PHOTO BY JOHN A. NOWELL

A military vehicle is crushed when a typhoon knocks down a tree during the 2000 Monsoon season in Korea.

exterior, need to be inspected and cleaned periodically by qualified personnel properly equipped to complete this task. Do not try to attempt to remove any debris that is trapped in a storm drain or manhole; report this condition to the Directorate of Public Works.

During periods when road conditions are declared amber, red, or black, only those vehicles necessary to perform essential missions will be dispatched. "Remember to perform your Risk Assessments."

Similar to inclement weather patterns in the United States, South Korea is also susceptible to thunderstorms. Be careful as these storms can produce powerful winds and rain showers. Following are a few of the common sense suggestions and recommendations for both civilian and military personnel:

- Stay away from isolated trees or poles in open areas. Avoid open fields or bare hilltops. When unavoidably caught in such terrain, lie flat on the ground to reduce target height.

- Avoid large masses of steel in open terrain (e.g., mounted guns, field pieces, wire fences and vehicles). If caught suddenly in an electrical storm in a rubber-tired vehicle, stay in place. Personnel in rubber-tired vehicles usually escape injury in electrical storms

as the vehicle's tires insulate the vehicle from the ground.

- Do not seek shelter under a vehicle. The insulating effect of vehicle tires may cause a body under a vehicle to become the conductor of an electrical charge from the vehicle to the earth.

- If in a group, disperse; do not huddle together. A mass of bodies attracts lightning.

- Whenever possible, disconnect the lead-in wire to field switchboards and telephones. Field telephone switchboards must be properly grounded to reduce electrical hazards. Do not use field telephones during electrical disturbances, except in an emergency or due to operational requirements.

- Upon the approach of an electrical storm, supervisors of swimming pools should cease operation and disperse personnel to safe areas.

- Avoid beaches, boats, swimming areas, wire fences, and do not ride on top of vehicles.

Should your area become flooded, here are some suggestions in the hours and days following the storm.

- Roads may be closed because

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NEWS & NOTES

Annual Vacation Bible School

Hannam Village Chapel will hold Vacation Bible School June 25-29 from 9 a.m. - noon. For more information call 732-4523.

Magic the Gathering Tournaments

Magic, The Gathering Tournaments, Pokemon, sports cards and coins. Sat. at the Yongsan Main Post Club 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Following are the tournaments & dates: June 15 (Sealed surprise, fee \$15), June 16 (Apocalypse sealed four boosters).

COMMUNITY CLOSURES

USFK/EUSA Staff Judge Advocate closure

USFK/EUSA Staff Judge Advocate will be closed July 6 for organizational day.

US Armed Forces Claims Service closure

US Armed Forces Claims Service will be closed July 6 for organizational day.

US Army Legal Service Agency closure

US Army Legal Service Agency - Korea will be closed July 6 for organizational day.

US Army Trial Defense Service closure

US Army Trial Defense Service, Yongsan field office will be closed July 6 for Organizational day.

Finance Office closure

Finance will be closed the morning of June 19 due to the Change of Command/Change of Responsibility. Finance will be minimally staffed in the afternoon.

QM Laundry and Dry cleaning Plant closure

The QM Laundry and Dry cleaning Plant will be closed July 4 for U.S. Holiday (Independence Day). For more information call 736-6666.

Car Care Center closure

Due to a power outage the Yongsan Car Care Center on Camp Kim will be closed June 9.

Field of Dreams ghost players visit Yongsan

By Han Yoon-koo

Staff writer

As the scent of magic filled Area II, a small miracle happened at the softball field near Collier Field house last Saturday as the Field of Dreams ghost players came to play ball.

The team is made up of volunteers, some of whom were actually in the movie and have played baseball at the college or professional level, who are referred to as ghosts.

The Field of Dreams team performed at Camp Hialeah, Yongsan, Camp Casey and Osan Airbase during their visit to Korea. The team is with the Armed Forces Entertainment for a five-week tour through several United States military installations. "We've been on the road since May 3 and we've been to Hawaii and Japan and it's been a lot of fun," said Keith Rahe, general manager of the team. "It's a real attribute to these gentlemen for what they do because it's not their full time job, and they volunteered their time to come overseas to entertain," Rahe said.

More than 10 years ago the movie, Field of Dreams, captivated audiences with a heartwarming tale of old-time baseball in today's world. Kevin Costner (farmer Ray Kinsella) built a baseball field in his corn field by a voice telling him "If you build it, they will come." In the movie a miracle happened as ghost players from long ago came to play ball. The response to

the movie was so great that fans still flock to the Iowa corn field where the film was made.

"The movie was filmed in the summer of 1988 and now the corn field is a major tourist attraction," Rahe said. "We get anywhere from eighty to one-hundred thousand people a year coming from all over the world."

The ghost players had many events planned for their visit to Yongsan Post. Rahe added "We have prepared a baseball clinic, comedy routine and a softball game with the host players followed by time to sign autographs."

Children seemed to enjoy themselves as they learned how to throw, catch and hit a ball from the ghost players.

"I liked to bat with the ghost players," said Sean Gearky, a Seoul American Elementary School student.

"This event was good and fun," added Tom Chapman, another student from SAES.

"I enjoy working with the kids and it is really fun to travel around the places," said ghost player Jeremy Olbereing. "These kids are a little

bit older than the kids in Pusan and these kids are pretty good."

Children were not the only ones who enjoyed the event. "I think events like this are wonderful." Said Col. Steven D. Holtman, commander of 34th Support Group and a pitcher for the Yongsan base team. "Anytime you can get an organization as well-known and as talented as this group to come over and spend their time with us in Korea, it's absolutely fantastic."

In the final scene the Field of Dreams team won by a score of 9-5. "This game is not win or lose but rather it's for the people who play the game and the spectators in the stands to have a good time," Rahe said.



PHOTO BY PFC. HAN YOON-KOO

Jeremy Olbereing, a ghost player from Field of Dreams team, taught children how to bat.

DeCA helps students to get started

By Huh Sung

Hangul Editor

Many students and teachers of the Seoul American High School were gathered at the high school soccer field for the Award Assembly, June 1. Many awards, including Art, English, Science, Math, etc., were awarded. Many different scholarships from different sponsors were handed out to graduating seniors as well.

The Fisher House Scholarship, sponsored by the Defense Commissary Agency based on a program titled 'Scholarships for Military Children,' was one of the first to be handed out, and Melissa K. Luciano (17), senior, was the recipient.

The scholarship was open to all dependents of U.S. military ID card holders to include active duty, retirees, and guard/reserves that were graduating

high school seniors or enrolled in a four year program.

The applicants needed a 3.0 grade point average to qualify and also wrote a short essay on "What Being a Military Dependent Means to Me." Recipients also displayed community involvement and activities.

"The essay that I wrote wasn't

See "Scholarship," on page 17

Congratulations

Seoul American

High School



class of 2001!

The Seoul American High School Class of 2001
will hold its graduation ceremony at the SAHS gym,
June 9 at 10 a.m.

John G. Abston
Jennifer J. Allen
Payton L. Allen
*Amy Y. Anderson
*Patrick Bak
Jesse M. Baker Jr.
Julie M. Beal
Catherine K. Beirne
Danielle M. Berdine
Sean C. Bilbray
Amy M. Bivens
Janelle P. Blackmon
*Julee Y. Bornowski
Amy M. Bowen
*Chester D. Boyles
Leonard J. Bradham
Magno L. Cabiao
**Steven H. Carpenter II
Shawnee L. Carrington
Cherie M. Carter
Geenie A. Celento
*Anna Chai
Jorge A Chavez
**Woo H. Cho
**Jane J. Chung
*Steven K. Chung
Erik Collins
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Joselynn S. Fuller
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Thomasina O. Green
James B. Griffin
Trashon Hackett

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Valedictorian

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*Tammy Henault
Rebecca S. Hensley
Dylan M. Henson
Glenn L. Hollander
Randall T. Hull
William B. Johnson III
*John H. Kang
Christopher A. Keane

***Jacqueline Jackson**
Salutatorian

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**Noeleen G. Laughlin
Sarah E. Lawrentz
*David Y. Lee
*Jennifer K. Lee
*Sun Ju Lee
Holly Ann Leidel
Jonathan P. Letarde
*Linda H. Lim



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*Anthony Y. Kim
Cindy Kim
*David K. Kim
*Michelle Y. Kim
Wayne S. Kim
Young Seok Kim
Nathan D. King
Jennifer J. Kleckner
*Linsey A. Kyle
**Raymond L. Lamb

*Yeji Lim
Mary-Ahn Luciano
*Melissa Luciano
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John K Manino
Jennifer L. Marks
Mary E. Marks
Mercedes Mascoll
*Katie McCoy
Latesha M. McFarland
Robert J. McNeil

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Preston Mosley
Paul Y. Newman
Steven J. Oden
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*Christine H. Park
*SeJin Park
*Susan J. Park
Kyle R. Parker
William L. Pearson
Justin L. Pelletier
Mareo O. Pettiford
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Javon T. Roberts
Jason G. Rullan
Jesse L. Sapatu
Christopher Lee Schrebe
Nadine Senk
Paul Shin
Stephani S. Skaggs
*Jennifer A. Smith
*Christina M. Song
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Bradley L. Swint
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Kristin E. Toyofuku
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* President's Award for Educational Excellence

** AVID, The Arts and Educational Achievement

Are you concerned with household shipment?

By Sgt. 1st Class Marshall Harris Jr.

Movements Branch NCOIC

This article is designed to offer advise for military and civilian personnel and their families who are anticipating a change of station move and to help you understand your entitlements and responsibilities concerning shipment of household goods and unaccompanied baggage.

When to Make Arrangements

You may make arrangements to ship personal property anytime after receipt of permanent change of station orders. The earlier you call or visit the Transportation Office, the greater your chances of moving on the date you desire. Delaying the call or visit only creates hardships for everyone.

Who to See

The Yongsan Personal Property Processing Office (PPPO) is the Installation Transportation Office's agency responsible for coordinating and arranging personal property shipments for military and civilian personnel assigned to Area II. The Yongsan PPPO is located at building 4106, room 120, on south post. Their phone number is 738-4817/4818. The Yongsan PPPO is your first point of contact when questions or problems about the movement of your personal property arise prior to shipment.

What may be shipped as household

Goods

You may ship personal property associated with the home and personal effects belonging to you and your dependents on the effective date of your permanent change of station orders. Your counselor at the Transportation Office can provide information on restricted and hazardous items.

What may be shipped as unaccompanied baggage

Unaccompanied baggage consists of items you will need immediately upon arrival at destination, pending receipt of your household goods. It is packed and shipped separately from your household goods. Items most often included are seasonal clothing, essential linens, cooking utensils and dishes, baby cribs and infant-care articles, a small radio, portable television and items required for health and comfort. You should also include professional books, papers and equipment needed immediately to perform your official duties. Each branch of the armed services has rules regarding when and how much unaccompanied baggage may be shipped. After reviewing your orders, the counselor at the transportation office can determine your unaccompanied baggage entitlement.

Arranging your move

Your PPPO will make arrangements

necessary to schedule packing and pickup of your household goods. Be prepared when you go to the transportation office. You must have the following items when making shipment arrangements:

(1) Six copies of your orders (and amendments/endorsements) for each type of shipment planned (household goods, non-temporary storage, unaccompanied baggage, DITY, personal procured shipment, etc.).

(2) An idea of when you want to move. Be as flexible as possible. You will be asked to select a packing and pickup date. During some periods, especially the summer the date(s) you prefer may not be available. If at all possible, do not schedule pickup and lease termination or housing clearance on the same date. Leave some time in your schedule for the unforeseen.

(3) The date you plan to arrive at your new duty station. The counselor uses this date to determine the required delivery date of your shipment(s). For example, if you know you can't accept a shipment for three months, don't ask for delivery in one month. An idea of the types of shipments you expect to make and the estimated weight of each.

(4) A list of large or unusual items (piano, china cabinet, wall unit, motorcycle, etc.).

(5) If you are unable to visit the transportation office, you may appoint

your spouse or an agent to act on your behalf. A letter of authorization signed by you or a power of attorney is required. Be sure the person you choose knows what you want and has all the information to make the right arrangements. Remember, this person is acting for you, and you are responsible for that person's decisions.

Documents prepared by the transportation office

The counselor will prepare an "Application for Shipment and/or Storage of Personal Property" (DD Form 1299) during your interview. Read the form carefully before you sign. Incorrect information can cost you money and delay your shipment. When you sign the form, you agree to pay any excess costs incurred with the movement and/or storage of your property. Never sign a blank form. Don't forget that an estimate of the weight of your professional books, papers and equipment must be on the form. This constitutes an official declaration of intent to ship professional materials. You will receive a copy of all forms you sign. Keep them close at hand. These are important documents. Hand carry them. Do not lose them. Do not pack them in any of your shipments.

See next week's Seoul Word edition for part 2 of Household goods shipment.

My greatest teacher

By Chaplain Mark Fentress

Area II Staff Chaplain

Can you believe it? Graduation time is here again. Congratulations are certainly in order for all of you graduates! Anyone who has wrested some wisdom from their time as a student, knows that they could never have achieved this milestone without the help and support of some very special people. So, hurrah for the teachers, parents, and other significant mentors, who helped you arrive at this moment of celebration!

About one hundred years ago I too received my diploma to the orchestra's playing of that moving score of "Pomp and Circumstance." Had it not been for one extraordinary teacher, Dorothy P. Lynch, who believed in me and who bequeathed to me, the gift of an insatiable love for learning, I would have missed so much! Graduates, take some time to express your thanks to those special teachers who have given you a "chunk of their soul."

Yet, today I believe the greatest teacher in my life has been my granddaughter,

Hannah Grace. The impact she made on me wasn't in the classroom, but rather in the "school house of life." Here, she has taught me a host of unforgettable lessons about life and faith. You see, Hannah was born almost five years ago today, with cerebral palsy — a birth injury that initially caused my family unbelievable heartache and grief. Fortunately, with God's help, the flood of grief has now been transformed into a flowing river of poignant joys, currents of never-ending adventures, and rapids of gallant and relentless efforts in the face of enormous challenges.

Hannah's creative persistence in finding a way to be mobile simply amazes me. Since she can't walk, she improvises. She hops on her knees, in a rabbit-like fashion, in the direction she wants to go. Surprisingly, she always seems to end up at her desired destination. O God, give us this kind of creative persistence and sense of ingenuity in facing the roadblocks in our lives.

Since she can't see, she uses her keen gifts of touch and hearing to explore the

world around her — a world that she finds both fascinating and ever new. Oh, God, help us to discover an approach to life like Hannah's. One, that even when things are not clearly seen or understood, we might dare to continue on by Faith.

When Hannah rides her horse every Saturday morning (its called hippotherapy), she's truly in her glory! Picture this. A little five year old girl in her riding helmet, riding bare back and balancing herself on "Sunshine's" back and laughing non-stop for the entire forty-five minute ride! The sheer joy she exudes speaks volumes to us, who often miss the most memorable and simple joys of life because we are too busy. O God, slow us down so that we can "stop and smell the roses," along with Hannah!

Surely the greatest gift Hannah has given me is that priceless treasure of her trusting, unconditional love. She knows how to melt her Papa's heart! She reaches out with love to every one she meets — a love that never stops giving. She trusts. And then she trusts some more. O, that we too, might become lovers of life, God,



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and others like her. God, grant us Faith that we might be able to distill the meaning of the vast expanse of life as Hannah has – realizing the essence of life is love – pure and simple – giving it and receiving it.

My eternal thanks and love to you, Hannah Grace, for being Papa's greatest teacher!

Catholic			Islamic		
Sun	8:30 a.m.	South Post Chapel	Fri	noon	Memorial Chapel
Tues	12:05 p.m.	121 General Hospital			
			Jewish		
Mon / Wed/					
Thur/ Fri	12:05 p.m.	Memorial Chapel	Fri	7:30 p.m.	South Post Chapel
Sat	5 p.m.	Memorial Chapel	Sat	10 a.m.	South Post Chapel
Sun	noon	Memorial Chapel			

June Jamboree 2001:

Kids participate in interactive day of 'fun in the sun'

By Chung Young Seok

Staff Writer

More than 90 children from Seoul American Elementary School, Seoul American Middle School and Seoul American High School along with about 300 volunteers from organizations in Area II and SAHS took part in June Jamboree 2001 last Friday at Softball Field #7, Yongsan South Post. The Jamboree is a sports celebration for Exceptional Family

The rest of the volunteers helped coordinate, organize and participate in the recreational activities.

The annual event in its 15th year, was organized by the Army Community Services Exceptional Family Member Program, and sponsored by more than 50 on- and off-post military and private organizations in Area II.

The purpose of June Jamboree is to offer recreation and cultural activities

The one-day event kicked off when the volunteer 'buddies' met the children in the morning and then they were divided into two groups participating in cosmic bowling at the Yongsan Lanes and swimming at the outdoor swimming pool #2. The children and buddies at



PHOTO BY SGT. CHUNG YOUNG SEOK

Children were enjoying their time at the swimming pool next to the Seoul American High School.



PHOTO BY SGT. CHUNG YOUNG SEOK

Children enjoyed many games that were prepared for the day, such as tug-of-war.

members.

Throughout the event, more than 100 volunteers served as buddies for the child. Each volunteer linked up with one child through all the events.

to families and children enrolled in the Exceptional Family Member Program and to have a day full of fun and fitness, said Alexander Carter, June Jamboree 2001 manager and EFMP coordinator.

The Jamboree is authorized by Army Regulation 608-75, EFMP.

"Some people say that June Jamboree is modeled after the Special Olympics that takes place every year in the [United] States," said Carter. "But that's an incorrect term for families here in Korea, because you don't have to be handicapped to take part in June Jamboree."

While eating, the children and their buddies talked about winning strategies for the upcoming track and field events.

The appeared groups gathered strength from the lunch and both groups moved to Field # 7 for track and field events, where children and buddies got covered with sweat and dust after taking part in activities, from tug-of-war over big pool to a three-legged-race and musical chairs.

When a few children tired of the games, they decided to sneak up and unexpectedly drench

their buddies with water balloons. Several buddies could be seen jumping and screaming as the chilly water ran down their backs.

According to Carter, June Jamboree 2001 showed a lot of community support from organizations that support the families throughout Yongsan Garrison and highlighted the coordination between the schools, parents and ACS.

"All my life I worked with kids, teaching and mentoring and June Jamboree really gives a soldier a chance to meet with kids in the community and make new friends," said Spc. Joe K. Missildine, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 34th Support Group. "I learned how to interact with



PHOTO BY SGT. CHUNG YOUNG SEOK

A cool splash awaits the losing team in a game of tug-of-war.



PHOTO BY SGT. CHUNG YOUNG SEOK

The drag-cart game was one of the events prepared for the children.

and relate to kids at their level, not always as an adult to a child but as a brother or sister."



PHOTO BY SGT. CHUNG YOUNG SEOK

The three-legged-race paired children and buddy together as a team in competition.

June 8- June 14

June 8	"Sweet November"	PG-13	Fri. 6 & 8:30 p.m.
June 9	"Recess: School's Out"	G	Sat. 2 p.m.
	"Exit Wounds"	R	Sat. 5 & 8 p.m.
June 10	"Exit Wounds"	R	Sun. 5 & 8 p.m.
June 11	"Just Visiting"	PG-13	Mon. 7 p.m.
June 12	"Just Visiting"	PG-13	Tue. 7 p.m.
June 13	"The Wedding Planner"	PG-13	Wed. 7 p.m.
June 14	"The Wedding Planner"	PG-13	Thu. 7 p.m.

"Recess: School's Out"

Animated



There's only one thing better than recess, and that's summer vacation. T.J.'s plans go awry, however, when he finds out that all his pals are going away to summer camp without him. It doesn't take long for boredom to set in. He soon becomes desperate for something to do, and begins looking for mischief.

Rated:G

"Exit Wounds"

Starring

Steven Seagal, Isaiah Washington



Orin is a tough cop in an inner-city precinct who discovers a web of dirty cops and corruption. That's his cue to kick butt and take names!

Rated:R

June 15 - June 21

June 15	"The Shrek"	PG	Fri. 6 & 8:30 p.m.
June 16	"The Shrek"	PG	Sat. 2, 5 & 8 p.m.
June 17	"Heartbreakers"	PG-13	Sun. 5 & 8 p.m.
June 18	"The Brothers"	R	Mon. 7 p.m.
June 19	"The Brothers"	R	Tue. 7 p.m.
June 20	"Tomcats"	R	Wed. 7 p.m.
June 21	"Tomcats"	R	Thu. 7 p.m.

"The Shrek"

Animated



Hideous green monster, Shrek, sets out on a quest to find his perfect wife-an equally ugly princess-and terrifies everyone he meets during his adventures. Based on the picture book by William Steig.

Rated:PG

Boss Meeting

Monthly BOSS meetings are scheduled at Moyer Community Activities Center on June 15 for Yongsan at 1:30 p.m.

For more information, call 738-5254/5419

Table Tennis
Tournament

Table Tennis Tournament will be held every Saturday at 2 p.m. in the Game Room #208. Bring your partner and join the fun and Winner will get calling card or gift certificate. For more information, call 723-3265.

EUSA/BOSS Beach Blast
& Body Building Contest

EUSA/BOSS Beach Blast & Body Building Contest will be held at the Pusan Pub on June 16.

The bus will depart to Pusan at 5 a.m., on June 16 at Moyer CAC. For more information, call 738-5254/5419.

Game For Rent

Moyer Community Activities Center has six different kinds of Inflatable games (Bouncy Boxing, Bun-Gee Run, Day at the Dearby, Human Bowling, Human Dart, Velcro Obstacle Challenge) for rental at \$100 each game per 24 hours. For more information, call 723-3295.

It's a Braves' new world

By Robert Boyles

Youth Services

The last place Braves are within one win of being the Youth Sports Baseball Senior Division Tournament Champions. Nothing perhaps in all of YA Korean baseball could have been more unimaginable than the Braves defeating the Orioles and the Dodgers on the same day. Saturday, that is just what they did. Kerry Kempink started and went three innings before giving way to Richard Willis who gained the victory in game #1. The Braves had to hang on to a 11-9 victory over the Orioles, who scored four times in the bottom of the last inning and almost pulled the game out except for a crucial base running mistake. Josh Manino (2-for-4) lined a bases loaded double into the gap for 3 RBIs and was thrown out trying to stretch it into a triple. The Orioles would have had only one out and the three and four hitters coming to the plate. Eric Collins the starter for the Orioles was tagged for the loss.

The Braves Anthony White went 3-for-3 with a walk, two runs scored and a run batted in while Kerry Kempink went 1-for-3 with a homerun, two RBIs

and two runs scored. Willis, Kling, and Eddy added RBIs for the Braves who got hits from the first seven hitters in the lineup. The Orioles Eric Collins went 2-for-2 at the plate, with two doubles, a run scored and 1 RBI. Teammate Chester Boyles was 2-for-4 with a double and 2 RBIs and Josh Manino went 2-for-4 with a double and 3 RBIs.

Game two

All but two players got hits for the Braves as the Braves bombed Escamilia for 5 runs in the first inning to never look back. John Abston (2-for-3), Kerry Kempink (2-for-3) with a double and a triple, and Anthony White (2-for-3) with a double were involved in 12 of the 19 runs scored by the Braves. Arthur Eddy continued his surprise performance going 2-for-4 in the second game with a triple, scoring three times and collecting three RBIs. The Braves need only one more win to become tournament champions. The Orioles and the Dodgers will play one another to stave off eliminations and get another chance to play the Braves. The winner of the Orioles and Dodgers game must defeat the Braves twice in



PHOTO BY STEVEN OERTWIG

Dodger hitter Chris Glasser shown making contact.

order to win the championship.

The Dodgers never got on track but did manage to keep it reasonably close with 8 runs in the third after the Braves scored 7 times in the top half. Niewierowski and Rentz both (1-for-

3) homered for the losing Dodgers. Jeff Harnish (2-for-4) and 2 RBIs, Chris Glasser (1-for-3) 2 RBIs, and Josh Pierson (2-for-3) rounded out the offensive performance for the Dodgers that fell 4 runs short.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Youth Gymnastic Classes

Youth Gymnastic classes are held at Yongsan Youth Services for ages 3 and up on Tue, Thu and Sat. For more information call 738-3001/5036.

Completed Physical for YSC programs

All youth involved in Youth Services Sports programs will require a completed physical. Appointments will be every Tues., Jun 12 - Aug 28. Appointments can be made beginning June 4 at the YS Gym. For more information call 738-8117.

EUSA/BOSS Beach Blast & Body Building Contest

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Summer Basketball League

Deadline to enter the Summer Basketball League is June 24. Coaches meeting will take place June 25, 1p.m. at the Collier Field House. League starts July 7.

Yongsan Invitation Swim Meet

The 34th Support Group Youth Sports and the Yongsan Barracudas Swim Team Booster Club is sponsoring the Yongsan Invitation Swim Meet. Deadline for entry is Aug. 9. Competitors must be age group swim teams sponsored by U.S. Military organizations or must have the permission of meet sponsor. There are no entry fees for DOD sponsored teams. Competition will take place Aug. 11, 12 at Yongsan Garrison South Post. For more information call 738-2311 or e-mail at CopusM@34SG.Korea.Army.mil.

Army runners finish first, second year in a row

By Krishna M. Gamble

Editor

Ten of the best female runners Army-wide made up the women's team who finished in the top 30 at the 4th Annual Microsoft-USO 10 Miler held in Washington, D.C. May 6. Three of these women were from United States Forces Korea.

Second Lt. Jessica Umentum of the 25th Transportation Battalion, Staff Sgt. Theresa Bluebird from Eighth Personnel Command, and Maj. Sylvia Bennett from Eight United States Army were among the top finishers out of 685 female runners.

All armed services, 1,849, participated in the race. The Army won first place in the military men and women competitions. The Army Women's team consisted of runners from USFK, Fort Bragg, N.C., Fort Drum, N.Y. and Military District of Washington. Their team winning time was 3:24:46, followed by the women from the Marine Corps.

"I like that natural euphoria you feel when you run," "Sometimes we are so busy in life we don't take time to pray, running for me allows that time to be close with God," Bluebird said, who finished with a time of 1:09. "I run for fitness. I run with the team because it's motivating and it's visible and it provides rewards," Bennett said, who has been running for 10 years. Bennett finished with a time of 1:11.

Everybody on the team is fast according to Bluebird who is also

team captain. They train together as much as time permits and even more so when preparing for competition.

"I think everybody is fast on the team because a person could have a good day on a race or a bad day, and as a sports competitor you have to remember that there is always someone who is better so its good to think positive that you are fast," Bluebird said. She added "We would like our chain of commands to know we deeply appreciate their support they have shown us."

The runners now have their sites set on the Army Ten Miler in October. Qualifications for the USFK team will be held August 4 and Bluebird is very confident that she will be part of the team.



COURTESY PHOTO

Second Lt. Jessica Umentum of the 25th Transportation Battalion receives a new coin from Sgt. Maj. of the Army Jack L. Tilley after finishing the 4th Annual Microsoft-USO 10 Miler held in Washington, D.C. May 6.

SAOCSC scholarships awarded 2001

High School

Laughlin, Noeleen	\$3,000
Odom, Michael	\$3,000
White, Jennifer	\$2,000
Carpenter, Steven	\$1,500
Lolley, Aaron	\$1,500
Covington, Danielle	\$1,500
King, Nathan	\$1,000
Coyle, Thomas	\$1,000
Grandin, Sheena	\$1,000
	\$15,500

College

Smith, Monica	\$2,000
Ley, Kevin	\$1,500
Miller, Christine	\$1,500
Miller, Rebecca	\$1,000
Durbin, John	\$1,000
Stinson, Ellana	\$1,000
Reese, Erin	\$1,000
Whitcomb, Catherine	\$1,000
Anklin, Melissa	\$1,000
Riley, Kristopher	\$1,000
	\$12,000

Adult

Spano, Kim	\$2,000
Thomas, Suzanne	\$1,000
	\$3,000

Grand Total \$30,500

Korea — 50 years ago this week: UN troops take North Korea capital

by Jim Caldwell

Army News Service

WASHINGTON - Despite rain, mud and fog, United Nations troops kicked the Reds out of the Punchbowl, 50 years ago this week in Korea.

With the Iron Triangle cleared, I Corps units moved unopposed into the North Korea capitol, Pyongyang.

June 7-13, 1951 — As Operation Piledriver continues on the western front, I Corps divisions slug it out and advance slowly against Chinese who are fighting from dug-in regimental positions arranged in depth. Finally, on June 8, the ground and air pressure forces the enemy to give way and they begin pulling back incrementally in about battalion strength. The three I Corps divisions make it to line Wyoming by June 11.

In I Corps, the 1st Marine and Republic of Korea 5th Divisions are in a vicious fight to capture the terrain around the southern rim of the Punchbowl. They have to crawl up and down a series of steep ridges; each is defended by dug-in North Koreans.

The roads into the Punchbowl are heavily mined at each end. The twisting, narrow mountain roads have to be widened to allow truck traffic. Intermittent showers make the roads muddy and slick and trucks frequently slide off sharp, narrow curves. The rain also causes mudslides that block the roads. A combination of rain and fog also eliminates air support. The North Koreans fight fiercely from fortified positions, and when they are driven off a ridge, they immediately counterattack to win it back.

On June 8 Maj. Gen. Edward Almond, X Corps commander, puts a regiment of the ROK 7th Division to work clearing the ground above the eastern part of the Hwachon Reservoir, so the Marines can concentrate on the southern rim of the Punchbowl.

On June 9, the 1st Marine Division commits its reserves so four regiments press the North Koreans.

A ROK 7th Division regiment

punches through the communist defenders and secures its position on line Kansas. It takes the Marines and ROK 5th Division another week to slug their way to their objectives, an advance that covers six miles.

Lieutenant Gen. James Van Fleet, Eighth Army commander, tells reporters the communists have lost the Iron Triangle and it will require "a considerable build-up" before the enemy can stage another offensive.

Maj. Gen. Frank Milburn, I Corps commander, sends tank-infantry patrols up both legs of the Iron Triangle May 13. They meet no resistance and go all the way to Pyongyang, where they find the North Korean capital deserted. However, Chinese troops who had been chased out of the triangle are in fortified positions on the high ground northeast and northwest of Pyongyang.

Testimony continues at the combined Senate Armed Forces and Foreign Relations Committees investigation into Gen. Douglas MacArthur's dismissal and Korean policy. The witnesses over the seven days are Secretary of State Dean Acheson, ex-Defense Secretary Louis A. Johnson and retired Lt. Gen. Albert C. Wedemeyer, World War II commander of the China Theater.

During Wedemeyer's testimony June 11-13, he calls Korea a "bottomless pit." He agrees with MacArthur that the United States should "go it alone" if need be and hit Red China. Either that or pull U.S. troops out of Korea and blast the communists from the air and sea when they pour in.

June 7 — Despite vociferous objections from businessmen, the West German government says it will go along with the U.N.-sponsored trade boycott against Communist China.

June 8-9 — The Army reports June 8 that the enemy casualty rate as of June 2 is an estimated 1.1 million killed, wounded and captured. The next day, the Army says the death rate among 37,000 communist prisoners is 7 percent, largely due to poor health standards in the North Korean and Chinese armies. The U.S.

fatality rate among wounded in Korea is 2.67 percent, compared to 4.5 percent in World War II.

June 8-12 — Defense Secretary George C. Marshall visits Korea after making an unannounced trip to Japan. He tells reporters his trip is not to arrange peace talks. They will have "to ask Mao Tse-tung and Chou En-lai" about chances for negotiations to end the war. Back in Tokyo on June 11 he says he "cannot conceive of the Korean War going on for years" but the Chinese "have the problem of 'face,' the importance of which is hard for us to understand." Although "ripped to pieces" by UN forces, he says the Reds are apparently still bent on driving UN forces out of Korea and using the peninsula as a base to attack Japan. According to Marshall, the purpose of the trip is to discuss manpower and troop rotations.

Back in the United States June 12 he meets with President Harry S. Truman and then tells the news media that by fall the rotation rate of troops from Korea should reach 25,000 a month.

June 8 — General of the Army Omar Bradley, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, meets in London with his British counterpart to ask for more troops in Korea.

UN Secretary General Trygve Lie says a truce setting the 38th Parallel as the dividing line between forces will be a "long step" toward achieving UN goals in the country. He's "very pleased" that allies are talking peace but has "heard no expression from the other side - not so far."

June 10 — South Koreans demonstrate in Pusan against Marshall's trip to Japan and Korea, believing it's a start of negotiations to end the war at the 38th Parallel. Marchers carry signs reading "Give us death rather than a humiliating truce."

A U.S. Army corporal and four privates receive prison terms of 10 to 30 years for running a black market in stolen U.S. government property, the Eighth Army announces. Military police

have recovered more than \$400,000 worth of stolen military goods.

June 12-13 — More than 50,000 ROK draftees died of starvation and disease last winter at training facilities, charges the National Assembly Investigating Committee in Pusan June 12. The committee also says that 80 percent of the 350,000 survivors are "physical wrecks, incapable of labor."

On June 13, the South Korean government arrests Brig. Gen. Kim Yoon, National Guard commander, and staff members for embezzling nearly \$4 million in training funds. The investigating committee charges that 300,000 men died or deserted in December during a 300-mile "death march."

June 13 — Truman blasts a "sabotage press" and "Congressional demagogues" for misleading American citizens about casualties in Korea at the President's Highway Safety Conference in Washington. Truman says both groups claim U.S. combat and non-combat losses in Korea total 150,000. The true figure is "less than 80,000 ... and that means every kind of death and injury that could take place in that operation." He points out that more than a million people were killed and injured on the country's highways in 1950.

MacArthur begins a four-day visit to Texas by addressing the state legislature in Austin. He says the U.S. has outdone the "bloody lessons" of Munich and is now practicing "appeasement on the battlefield." He said the United States was "never so strong," despite Truman's domestic policies and individuals who "seek to make all men servants of the state."

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"Scholarship," from Page 5



Melissa K. Luciano recieved the Fisher House Scholarship at the SAHS soccer field, June 1.

anything special. I grew up as a part of the military and I wrote about my

feelings. It feels like I am a member of a whole big family of the military and it has been a big part of my life," said Luciano.

"I am very close with everyone in my father's office, and they helped me a lot with not only the essay but with everything else as well, giving me a lot of advice," she added.

According to Tom Swift, Yongsan store administrator, DeCA initiated the scholarship program to show

commitment to community involvement.

"A non-profit organization, Fisher House administers the program, and scholarships are funded by manufacturers, vendors and organizations that sell groceries or provide services to commissaries," said Swift.

According to Swift, Fisher House builds and operates 26 guest-comfort homes at military medical facilities to provide a 'home away from home' for military families while a loved one is in the hospital.

"This program is a natural extension of Fisher House service to military families," he added.

Scholarship recipients receive a total of 1,500 dollars scholarship to a four

year school they will attend in the fall as a freshman, sophomore, junior, or senior.

A total of over 5,000 applications were received worldwide and over 350 scholarships were awarded at more than 265 installations worldwide where commissaries are located.

This program complements many other scholarship programs supported through commissary promotions, the military community and associations, and local vendors at commissaries.

Luciano stated that this scholarship is very meaningful to her, especially because she is at the starting point of her college life. She is planning to pursue her education at Norwich University in Vermont.

Knowing your chops

Sgt. 1st Class Paul L. Sweeney

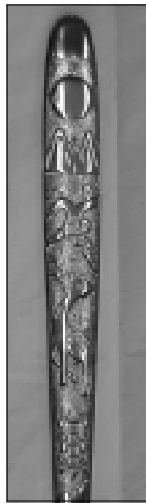
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Korean chopsticks: metal, flat, slippery, frustrating, and probably the cause of more American expletives than Seoul traffic. But also, once mastered, they are the most versatile form of chopsticks in Asia, allowing experienced users to slice, dice and deliver food to their mouths in just the right size.

Korean chopstick sets also offer the additional advantage of being the only sets that are always paired with a large soup-spoon. The spoon is used to eat rice and other tricky foods.

Chopsticks themselves are believed to originate from twigs used to fish bits of meat out of boiling pots in Asia's prehistoric cultures.

Over the centuries, many of these



Many sets have at least one symbol wishing good fortune for the user. The symbols shown here are:
sun: life
mountain: longevity

crane: long life and happiness

deer: vitality and strength

turtle: longevity

cultures developed their own unique styles and designs from this humble origin.

For instance, many Chinese chopsticks are square and blunt, Japanese sets have pointed tips with specific lengths mandated for use by males and females and the Vietnamese use bamboo sets with rounded tips.

Today, Korean chopsticks can be found in many patterns and designs, said Kim Myong-suk, owner of a concession in Yongsan's Gallery. "Koreans have to have them. We always use the spoon and chopsticks at every meal, and they are a favorite marriage gift."

In addition, they are very practical, she added. The stainless steel sets are easier to clean and care for than those made from other materials.

The origins of the oh-so-frustrating steel Korean chopsticks can probably be found in two places.

One, the early stage at which the ancient Korean's mastered metalworking easily led to iron, then steel chopsticks. And two, man's ever-present desire to both show up his neighbors and preserve his own neck.

In most of ancient Asia, the wealthy often owned chopsticks of jade, gold, ivory or silver. Silver, although not as expensive as the other substances, was prized because it was believed to change color if it came in contact with common poisons such as arsenic and cyanide.

However, as there is no color change, many of the wealthy probably went to their graves early if they didn't also employ a food taster.

But whatever their origin, the best way to enjoy Korean chopsticks is with Korean food, and one of the cheapest ways to do that is visit a KATUSA snackbar on a post near you.

Yongsan's Gallery is located on Main Post across the street from the Townhouse, just past Military Car Sales and the post office.

How to use chopsticks

Position the chopsticks

Place the first chopstick so that thicker part rests at the base of your thumb and the thinner part rests on the lower side of your middle fingertip. Next:

- Bring your thumb forward so that it traps the stick firmly in place. At least two or three inches of chopstick should extend beyond your fingertip.

- Relax. Now position the other chopstick so that it is held against the side of your index finger by the end of your thumb.

- Tap the ends of both sticks on the plate, while holding them at a slight angle to the table. Allow them to slide just a little so that the ends line up.

Pivot the top chopstick

Place a little pressure on the top chopstick. It will pivot on your index finger just above the second knuckle.



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A traditional Korean wedding set has two different spoons. The wider, sharp, tipped one is for the groom, while the smooth, pear shaped spoon is for the bride.

Remember: the bottom chopstick is stationary.

- The tip of the top chopstick will move towards the tip of the bottom chopstick. Encourage this. Hold those tips together firmly enough to grasp a piece of food and lift it off the plate. Place delicately into your waiting mouth. Although there's no need to stoop, you may wish to lean over your plate a bit during your first attempts. It might save you a cleanup.

Editor's note: Information obtained from learn2.com.

"Beret" from Page 1

Palacios and voiced complaints that they needed their berets.

"To symbolize the excellence in our Army, we had to have our berets," Palacios said. "So, convincingly, the Sergeant Major of the Army agreed with us. And by working with him and the Chief of Staff of the Army via telephone and video teleconferences, they both decided, and said, 'Yes, Korea is the right choice. Let's send Korea their berets.'

"We wanted to show the Army and the world that the Eighth United States Army soldiers in Korea are the best there is, and we are the most forward deployed soldiers in our Army."

During beret donning ceremonies, Palacios said all soldiers will celebrate the Army's birthday with a small cake. The youngest and oldest soldiers of the respective unit will partake of the cake to symbolically represent all soldiers in the formation. Soldiers everywhere have also been memorizing "The Army Song," which will be sung at the conclusion of donning ceremonies.

KATUSAs will also don the beret – nearly 5,000 of them – along with their American counterparts. "They are integrated and they are part of our formations," Palacios said. "They have been a part of U.S. Forces since the end of the Korean War. They wear our uniforms, and by golly, they will wear our Black Berets because when they form up in that formation, they are one soldier – there is no difference."

Changing headgear from the Battle Dress Uniform soft cap, which will be called a "patrol cap" after June 14, fits

into Shinseki's "Transformation of the Army" vision, according to Palacios. In layman's terms, he explained that the Army currently has six divisions that are considered "heavy forces," and four divisions that are "light forces."

"The heavy forces are too heavy to deploy fast to anywhere in the world, so the Chief of Staff of the Army decided to transform the Army, which is called 'The Objective Force,'" he said.

The "Transformation of the Army" is taking some of the heavy forces and making them light forces, according to Palacios. "To lighten these forces makes them more deployable, to get there fast, but also makes sure that they have the lethality – the weapons they need – so that when they get there fast enough, they can sustain the fight," he explained.

"To symbolize that transformation," Palacios added, "the Black Beret is the symbol of excellence. And by all the soldiers wearing the Black Beret, they will be part of that Army Transformation.

"The decision made by our chief of staff of the Army is the right decision. When soldiers wear the beret and look at themselves in the mirror, they will feel proud. They will feel good because they are a part of the transformation process the Army is going through right now."

Soldier reaction to the Black Beret has become relatively positive as time for the switch nears. "I'm up for the change, because it adds to the uniform," said Sgt. Rodney D. Robinson of the 106th Medical Detachment.

"I'm not Airborne and because of my



Major Brian Maka, the Eighth U.S. Army Public Affairs plans officer (right), adjusts the beret for Sgt. April M. Hodges, an executive administrative NCO with HHC, EUSA.

job, and I can't go Airborne, so I've always wanted to wear a beret," he added. "I was just on emergency leave and when I got back, the first thing I asked was, 'Hey – have we been issued the berets yet?' I'm excited about wearing the beret."

Sgt. Lee Kyung-hoon is a KATUSA with the 38th Chemical Detachment and as one of his unit's supply sergeants, he issues the beret to his fellow soldiers. "I am positive about the beret, especially because I'm a KATUSA," he said.

"As a KATUSA, we first worried that we would not wear the beret, but it really makes us feel equal. I feel I am respected the same as the U.S. soldier. Plus, it is

extremely difficult to earn a beret in the ROK Army.

"The only bad point about the beret is that it will be difficult to use. The soft cap is comfortable and easy to wear, but the beret will be difficult washing and maintaining, and I know because as a supply sergeant, I've already experienced difficulties from soldiers washing the beret," he added.

"But the beret is like every other thing," he said. "The beret will not make the soldier – we will need to improve ourselves, just like shining boots. We can express ourselves as soldiers by the way we wear and care for our beret."

"CINC" from Page 3

impossible for the guards to definitively determine whether a bus or car entered from on or off post. Their focus is on the vehicle in front of them and the occupants in that vehicle. Requiring them to monitor the direction of incoming traffic could significantly detract from their ability to perform their primary task. Additionally, ID cards are not checked when passengers board the bus. If there is an unauthorized person on the

bus, and we did away with checking buses and cars, we compound the problem by letting the person gain access to another post.

Issue: Are there any plans for looking into how mail is delivered in Korea? Any upgrades for the postal system?

Response: Almost all First Class letter mail is delivered to the addressee in Korea in ten days or less. Approximately 87 percent of this mail are delivered within seven days.

Priority and Space Available Mail (less than 15 pounds and 60 inches) parcels mailed from the states generally take from five to 14 days, depending upon where in the U.S. they were mailed. Parcels mailed from the U.S. at the standard rate of postage can take anywhere from three to six weeks, the average being about four weeks. These parcels travel by boat from San Francisco to Korea. Parcels from Korea mailed at the standard rate of

postage are flown to the U.S. and are normally delivered within three weeks. Incoming mail is transported to Military Post Offices within 24 hours after arrival at the Kimpo Airport. It is made available to unit mail clerks the same day. Retrograde mail, picked up from drop boxes (mail boxes) in the morning, is delivered to Kimpo within hours of pickup and flown to USPS gateway destinations the same day. The exception is mail from the

Pusan and Taegu areas, which, because of the transit time to Kimpo, departs Korea the following day. With the exception of the boat mail, the mail system is pretty efficient. Many units have purchased and installed postal boxes for their individual members, including civilians. Nevertheless, I am commissioning a total review of our mail system. I agree with you, something needs to be done. I am on it and I will report the results to you.

"Monsoon" from Page 4

they have been damaged or are covered by water. Barricades have been placed for your protection. If you come upon a barricade or a flooded road, find an alternative route that is safe.

- Keep listening to the radio for news about what to do, where to go, or places to avoid. American Forces Network Korea Radio frequencies are, Eagle FM 102.7 and Thunder AM 1530.

- Emergency workers will be assisting people in flooded areas. You can help them by staying off the roads and out of the way.

- If you must walk or drive in areas

that have been flooded - stay on firm ground. Moving water only 6 inches deep can sweep you off your feet.

Standing water may be electrically charged from underground or downed power lines.

- Remember that flooding may have caused familiar places to change. Floodwaters often erode roads and walkways. Flood debris may hide animals and broken bottles. It's also slippery. Avoid walking or driving through floodwater.

- Above all, play it safe. Additional flooding or flash floods can occur.

Listen for local warnings and information. If your car stalls in rapidly rising waters, get out immediately and climb to higher ground.

Stay Healthy

- Only consume food, water, and ice from approved or reliable sources.

- Boil water before drinking it, if unsure of the water source.

- Avoid direct skin contact with standing floodwater.

- Do not allow children to play in the rain or floodwater.

- Beware of pests such as rats and insects.

- Do not use electrical appliances that have been wet.

- When using a "wet-dry vacuum cleaner," be sure to follow the manufacturer's instructions to avoid electric shock.

Survival Kit

- The following items should be included in a survival kit: Bottled water, fire extinguisher, flashlights, canned food, manual can opener, portable radio, spare batteries, extra medication, first aid kit, extra pet food, bleach for sanitation and water containers.